

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1804

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EXEMPTION OF COMPUTER TRAINING INSTITUTES FROM SERVICE TAX

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Service Tax exemption for Computer Training Institutes was withdrawn;
- (b) whether Vocational Training Institutes are also exempted from Service Tax;
- (c) whether government has received any representation from Computer Training Institutes for exemption from Service Tax again;
- (d) if so, the decision taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a) Computer Training Institutes were exempt from payment of service tax upto 30.6.2004 and are chargeable to service tax with effect from 1.7.04.
- (b) Vocational training Institutes are exempt from service tax.
- (c) & (d) The Government had received representations from Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) dated 22nd July, 2004 and computer training institutes requesting for exemption from service tax to computer training. The issue raised was examined and it was decided not to accede to the request.